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34.	Bank of Ceylon	Sir Lanka	30.10.1995
35.	Siam Commercial Bank	Thailand	14.12.1995
36.	Krung Thai Bank P.C.L.	-do-	06.01.1997
37.	Bank Internasional Indonesia	Indonesia	04.04.1996
38.	China Trust Commerical Bank	Taiwan	08.04.1996
39.	Cho Hung Bank	South Korea	06.05.1996
40.	Commercial Bank of Korea Ltd.	-do-	12.03.1997
41.	Hanil Bank	-do-	02.04.1997

[English]

Housing Finance Companies

2714. SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI:

SHRI PAWAN DIWAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Housing Finance Companies with dubious credibility are functioning in the country;

(b) whether the Government have conducted any inquiry into it;

(c) if so, the details of these companies and the action taken against such companies; and

(d) the steps taken to put a check on defrauding of the customers by these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (d) The National Housing Bank (NHB) which is the regulatory authority for Housing Finance Companies has reported that action is taken by it in cases where Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) commit irregularities or violate prescribed norms. NHB has so far prohibited 13 HFCs from acceptance of deposits while 23 HFCs have been served with showcause notices seeking explanation. Criminal proceedings have also been launched by NHB in the case of a Housing Finance Companies which was found to have dis-obeyed the prohibitory orders. Apart from its normal regulatory and supervisory functions, the NHB carries out off-site surveillance particularly in the case of HFCs with net owned fund of Rs. 50 lakhs and more.

[Translation]

Production and Export of Mangoes

2715. SHRI SHYAM LAL BANSHIWAL:

SHRI PANKAJ CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the place of India among the mango producing countries;

(b) the varieties of mango produced in the country;

(c) the extent of foreign exchange earned from the export of mangoes;

(d) the countries to which mangoes exported;

(e) whether the Government have formulated any policy for increasing mango production and boost its exports; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) India is one of the foremost mango producing country in the world. The major varieties of mango produced in the country include; Alphonso, Bangenpalli, Chausa, Totapuri, Kesar, Neelam, and Langra.

(c) Foreign exchange earned from the export of mango during the last 3 years are given below:

Year	Value (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	4502.72
1995-96	3851.91
1996-97 (April-Oct.)	3788.98

(d) The countries to which Indian mangoes are exported include the following:

UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UK, Singapore, Netherlands, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Malaysia, Qatar, USA, South Africa, Switzerland, Germany, France, Oman, Hongkong, Australia, Canada, Indonesia, Belgium, Netherland Antilas, Maurtius, Maldives, Brunei, Argentina, Seychelles, Kenya, Sweden, Bhutan, Nepal, Portugal, Burundi, Ukraine, Austria, Japan, Yemen Arab Republic, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Italy, Slovenia, Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.